RAILWAY INTELLIGENCE.

Railway Schemes.—We copy the following striking statement from the monthly circular of Messrs. Railton and Son, sharebrokers, of Manchester, published last week:—Since our last monthly circular of the 14th ult, there have been put forth forty-nine new prospectuses of railway schemes, and the shares applied for in each have far exceeded the number to be issued. Taking the above forty-one lines into the account, the following will result:—On the 14th of August upwards of ninety new lines, requiring more than 60,000,000*l.* of subscribed capital to complete them, were put forward, to which add the above forty-one, stating a requirement of 35,265,000*l.*, together upwards of 131, needing an investment of 95,266,000*l.*, with the power of borrowing one-third more, devoted to the same object; making a grand total of 127,020,000!!!

Great Southern and Western Railway.—The contracts for two lots on the Great Southern and Western (Dublin and Cashel) Railway, twenty-one miles in extent, were let on the 13th inst. Thirteen tenders were received by the directors, and three were retained—namely the tenders of Mr. M'Cormick, of Dublin; Mr. Dargan, of Belfast; and those of the firm of Hammond, Patterson, Murray, and Butler, of Dublin. The difference was very trifling, not exceeding 1,000*l.* on the two lots, and Messrs. Dargan and M'Cormick were declared the successful competitors, and Mr. Fagan, of Dublin, the contractor for the sleepers. We understand that the successful contractors for the works were guided in making their estimates by the quantities calculated by Mr. Kelly, architect and building-surveyor, of Upper Gloucester-street, Dublin.—*Railway Record.*

We learn from Berlin that the works of the railroad from Potsdam to Magdeburg have been commenced; and that, as the road will traverse a portion of the royal park, the king takes a personal interest in the undertaking, and occasionally superintends it.

Miscellanea.

Metropolitan Improvements. — The *Gazette* of last Saturday consists of fifty pages, and contains, amongst others, a notice of an application to Parliament for an Act to annex so much of the garden, ground, and buildings belonging to the Hon. Society of Lincoln's-inn, as are locally situate in the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, to the vill or township of Lincoln's-inn. Also to stop up the present thoroughfare for carriages, horses, and cattle along the eastern side of Lincoln's-inn-fields, in the said parish, and to form a new footway, of the width of 20 feet, adjoining the iron-railing inclosing the garden of Lincoln's-inn-fields on the eastern side thereof, and to inclose the remaining portion of the carriage-way along the said eastern side of Lincoln's-inn-fields, and to annex the same to that part of the garden, ground, and buildings belonging to the said society as aforesaid, and to the said vill or township. There is also notice of a Bill to improve the streets, squares, &c., in the parishes of St. Margaret, St. John, and St. George, Hanover-square, in the city of Westminster. The others, with the exception of one or two relating to turnpike-roads, are railway notices. So that instead of opening a carriage-way from Holborn, it is absolutely proposed to injure, if not destroy, the present inefficient roadway; what probability can exist of the effecting of so absurd a project?

Steam Boat Piers on the Thames.—Two reports of the Thames Navigation Committee have been made lately to the city authorities. In one, relative to the pier at Blackfriars'-bridge, the committee recommend the erection of a pier at the eastern side of the bridge, upon piles, according to the suggestion of Mr. Walker, the engineer. In the other they recommend that all piers in which due provision had not been made for the security of the public should be immediately removed, and that the corporation should act merely as conservators of the river, leaving the pecuniary business connected with the piers to private speculation. The first report was referred back to the committee to be carried into effect; the second was ordered to be printed and taken into consideration on a future day.

The Statue of Whittington at the Royal Exchange.—On Friday, the 22nd instant, the scaffolding was struck after the statue of Sir Richard Whittington was raised into the niche on the north side of the Royal Exchange. This piece of sculpture is from the chisel of Carew, and attracted during the whole of Saturday the notice of the crowds who visited the spot. The figure represents the distinguished citizen replying to an address in his robes as Lord Mayor of London, in the reign of Henry V. Whittington lived in the reigns of Richard II., Henry IV., and Henry V., and was knighted when sheriff. He was, as is known from all the little penny histories of him, and by the celebrated stone at Highgate, three times Lord Mayor of London. He built the Newgate part of Bartholomew's Hospital and part of Guildhall, and his last mayoralty was in the year 1419. Of the year in which he died there is no record amongst the citizens. An accident occurred in Mr. Carew's studio, which might have proved fatal to the workmen employed in removing this statue to the Royal Exchange. The figure was raised from the ground above its own height some feet when the tackle broke, and it fell amongst the men, but without injury either to those engaged in the removal, or to the statue itself.

Restoration of the Salisbury Tower, Windsor Castle.—These works have just been commenced. It being intended to raze to the ground, at an early period, the five residences of the military knights on the lower foundation, accommodation will be provided for three of the knights in the Salisbury Tower, when the necessary restorations and alterations have been completed. Accommodation for the remaining two military knights, on the lower foundation, will be provided in the upper tower of Henry VIII.'s gateway. The Salisbury Tower will be entirely gutted, and convenient apartments substituted for the dilapidated portions which have been removed. A noble terrace, to be open to the public, will be formed on the site of the houses on the lower foundation. The Salisbury Tower is the official residence of the Chancellor of the Order of the Garter. The plans about to be carried out are stated to be those of the late Sir Jeffery Wyatville.

Monument to the late Commander of the President.—A monument has just been erected to the memory of Captain Roberts, in Passage churchyard, Cork. The cenotaph is a large square building of rich cut stone, with a fine base and cap moulding, and having a bold pediment on either side. On the angles of the monument are represented in strong relief the sterns of the vessels which Captain Roberts commanded, viz. the Black Jack, the Sirius, the British Queen, and the President. The following is part of the inscription which the monument bears:—"This stone commemorates, in the churchyard of his native parish, the merits and premature death of the first officer under whose command a steam-vessel ever crossed the Atlantic Ocean—undaunted bravery exhibited in the suppression of the slave traffic in the African seas, enterprise and consummate skill in the details of his profession, recommended him for that arduous service. Lieutenant Richard Roberts, R.N., in accomplishing it, not only surpassed the wildest visions of former days, but even the warmest anticipations of the present."—*Herald.*

St. George's New Schools, Sheffield.—The first stone of the above schools was laid, on the 21st instant, by the Right Hon. the Lord Wharncliffe, lord president of her Majesty's council. These buildings are to consist of three separate schools, with suitable class-rooms. The Girls' School, fronting St. George's Church, 60 feet by 40 feet; the Infants' School, forming the centre division, and fronting Beet-street and Siddal-street, 60 feet by 40 feet. These dimensions do not, of course, include the class-rooms. There will also be comfortable dwelling-houses for the master and mistress; the basement of the buildings being occupied by library, soup-kitchen, play-grounds, &c. The estimated cost, without fittings-up, is nearly 4,000*l.*, which sum includes 1,200*l.* for the site alone. To meet this about 1,200*l.* has been raised by subscription, 1,393*l.* granted by the Privy Council, and 642*l.* by the National Society.

Sinking of the Surface Ground in Paris.—About two o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, the 16th inst., a considerable mass of earth detached itself from the hill of Montmartre, on the side of the Barrier of Rochechouart, Paris, and fell upon a lime-kiln, a cartwright's factory, a weaver's workshop, and a dwelling-house, which were partly buried under it. The inhabitants were fortunately awoke by the cries of some dogs, and escaped in time. At six o'clock another house experienced a similar fate, and a third was surrounded with earth up to the first story. Fragments of earth and stone continued to roll down the hill, which is extremely steep on that side, during the whole day, and the alarmed inmates of a number of dwellings situate at the bottom of the declivity abandoned their homes, carrying away their furniture and most valuable effects. The event had been long foreseen from the extensive excavations made in the hill to procure "plaster of Paris." The sinking (*ébaulement*) was still making progress at the hour of post on that day.

Painted Glass.—There are some remains of painted glass in the churches of Ashbourn, Bradley, Dronfield, Eggington, Hault-Hucknall (the burial place of Hobbs, the philosopher of Malmesbury), Sutton, and Sandiacre, in the county of Derby, and of sufficient consequence to merit particular notice. In the churches of Morley and Norbury the remains are considerable, those in the chancel of the latter shewing very good taste, and evidently coeval with the building, which is in the style of the fourteenth century.

Tenders.

Tenders delivered for building a new Gaol at Banbury.—Architects, Messrs. Hurst and Moffatt, Doncaster.

Haines, Cheltenham	£9,001
Sissons, Hull	8,476
Kirk, Sleaford	7,940
Porter and Co.	7,840
Watson and Co., Birmingham	7,821
Claridge, Banbury	7,747
Plowman and Co., Oxford	7,696
Waterfield and Co., Leicester	7,312

Tenders delivered on Saturday last for Building an intended Public-house, at the corner of King's-row, Walworth, for Mr. Ireland. The tenders were opened in the presence of the Contractors, and were as follow, viz.:—

Mr. Gerrey	£1,374	0	0
Waller	1,160	0	0
Mason	1,148	0	0
Hawkins	1,075	0	0
Brown	795	10	0

Mr. Brown had made an error, having left out one of the trades, his estimate was corrected, and settled at 1,050*l.* and accepted.

Tenders delivered for the erection of a new public-house at Wandsworth for Mr. Ireland.

J. Brown	£795 10
Hawkins	1075 0
Mason	1148 0
H. P. Walker	1160 0
Gerry	1374 0

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

For the supply of 600 Coal Waggons to the York and North Midland Railway Company.—George Baker, Secretary, York, December 4.

For the building of a Tunnel on the Edinburgh, Leith, and Granton Railway.—December 4.

For the making of Sluices, Bridges, Excavations, and other works in the New Cut from the Sixteen-feet River to the Eau Brink.—George Gamie Day, Clerk to the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners, St. Ives. Plans and Specifications are being prepared.

For Paving and Repairing certain Carriage and Footways in the district of Knightsbridge, for one year from Christmas-day next, and also for Lighting the same district with Gas for the like period.—James Rogers, 22, Manchester-buildings, Westminster. December 9.

For building an Infirmary at the County Gaol and House of Correction, at Ipswich, Suffolk.—Mr. John Whiting, County Surveyor, Ipswich, or Mr. John H. Burton, Clerk of the Peace, Bury St. Edmunds. December 10.

For the erection of a new Barrack Establishment at Bristol.—C. J. Selwyn, Major and Commanding Royal Engineer, Exeter. December 11.

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